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SUBJECT: RUMOR OF VISIT BY SENATOR GRAVEL TO PRAGUE

1. DURING COCTAIL AT DCM'S RESIDENCE EVENING FEBRUARY 27 MFA SIXTH DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL, MATEJKA, TOLD EMBOFF THAT SENATOR GRAVEL HAD SENT FEELER VIA UNNAMED SOVIET DIPLOMAT IN WASHINGTON TO CZECH EMBASSY THERE ASKING WHETHER CZECHS WOULD HONOR A REQUEST BY GRAVEL TO CZECH VISA. SOURCE STATE GRAVEL SPOKE TO SOVIET OF POSSIBLE TRIP TO CSSR IN CONNECTION WITH TRAVELS ELSEWHERE IN EASTERN EUROPE.

2. SOURCE SAID CZECH EMBASSY FORWARDED REPORT AND ACTION REQUEST TO MFA. DECISION HAS BEEN MADE TO REPLY IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THOUGH NOT AS FORTHCOMING AS MATEJKA, ACTING SIXTH DEPARTMENT HEAD NOVOTNY ALSO REFERRED BRIEFLY TO POSSIBILITY OF GRAVEL TRIP HERE IN CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR AT SAME RECEPTION.

3. SOURCE EMPHASIZED HE DID NOT KNOW DATES INVOLVED, AND THAT GRAVEL'S REQUEST WAS FEELER ONLY. WHILE THE TRIP SOUNDS UNLIKELY TO US, WE WOULD OF COURSE APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION DEPARTMENT MIGHT HEAR OF THE POSSIBILITY OF IT.
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